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APPLICANTS: BERGER ET AL PCT
SERIAL NO.: 09/403,557 EXAMINER: U.K. RAJGURU
FILED: OCTOBER 25, 1999 GROUP: 1711
TITLE: COMPONENT FOR PRODUCING POLYMER MIXTURES BASED ON
STARCH, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE COMPONENT

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(3)

ATTN: BOX FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, under Rule 136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 3, 2002, for three months, from July 3, 2002, to OCTOBER 3, 2002. Submitted herewith, under Rule 17(a)(3), is a check in the amount of \$460.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a Small Entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

Respectfully submitted,

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